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Report of the Working Group of the Whole for the elaboration of a convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses

1. The Working Group of the Whole, convened pursuant to General Assembly resolution 49/52 of 9 December 1994, met from 7 to 25 October 1996 to elaborate a convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses.

2. The Working Group elected Mr. Chusei Yamada (Japan) as its Chairman and Mr. Hans Lammers (Netherlands) as the Chairman of the Drafting Committee. During this period, the Working Group held 14 meetings and the Drafting Committee held 19 meetings. The report of the Drafting Committee (A/C.6/51/NUW/WG/L.1 and Corr.1 and 2, Add.1, Add.2 and Corr.1, Add.3 and Corr.1 and Add.4) was introduced by its Chairman, as reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.6/51/SR.24). While a substantial number of draft articles have been worked out in the Drafting Committee, a number of core issues remain to be resolved.

3. Accordingly, the Working Group will need more time to complete its work.

4. The Working Group recommends that the General Assembly, on a report of the Sixth Committee, convene a second session of the Working Group as soon as possible to continue its work, as set out in General Assembly resolution 49/52, building on the work already carried out by the Drafting Committee and the Working Group, as reflected in their reports, and with a view to completing the elaboration of the Convention.

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